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ENJOY CHRISTMAS IN ALL ITS ASPECTS



The story of Jesus Birth is told and illustrated by Sunday School children from Bancroft Pentecostal.

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

By Stewart Smith day School, on Sunday evening, December 11.

"Everything the angel told us is true!" one Shepherd commented to the others in amazement.

Later other Shepherds arrived at the manger, and explained, "We just heard the news! We came to see the baby God gave."

In shock, Joseph replied, "Our baby? The Messiah?"

These were scenes from the Christmas Concert presented in the Bancroft Pentecostal Tabernacle, by the Sun-

This is one of many Christmas concerts to be presented in our communities in the next few days. We of the Cardiff Courier would like to attend as many of these as we are told of.

We will report on them in the January 5, 1995 Cardiff Courier.

The theme of the Pentecostal Concert was, "O Come Let Us Adore Him." The 55 Sunday

School students presented the program as four classes: Nursery/ Kindergarten; Primary/Middle; Junior; and Teen/High-Teen.

We were taken back in so many different ways to the events in Bethlehem on that first Christmas. Yet, rather than becoming tedious, each presentation built on those preceding it, building up to a powerful crescendo.

Sunday School

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Santa Claus rides to the Lloyd Watson Centre on the back of a fire truck provided by Monmouth Fire Department.

Santa Comes to Wilberforce

By Stewart Smith

Santa Claus came to Wilberforce on Sunday morning, December 11.

His visit was sponsored by Ridgeview Restaurant, of Harcourt, and the Monmouth Fire Department.

About 11:30 on Sunday morning Santa came riding along the main street of Wilberforce on a fire truck provided by the Monmouth Fire Department.

Alighting from the vehicle, he

went into the

Lloyd Watson Centre, where close to 50 children and their parents were waiting for him.

Each child, upon coming to the Lloyd Watson Centre, had registered with volunteers Shelly Hogan and Greg Donaldson, and received a registration number.

Once Santa was settled beside the Christmas Tree in the lobby, the children came to sit on his knee, in order of their registration

number.

A photograph was taken of each child. These were ready for the families yesterday (Wednesday).

Marilyn Donaldson, of Ridgeview Restaurant, gave each child a present, which had been prepared and wrapped at the restaurant.

This is the fifth year that the Ridgeview Restaurant has held a Christmas party for children - and the third year the

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Area's Hospital Future Assured

The future of the North Hastings Hospital has been assured, MPP Elmer Buchanan announced Friday, December 9.

Buchanan said on behalf of Minister of Health Ruth Grier that "up to \$3 million has been approved as the cost of the new hospital, once the planning is done so that we're getting the kind of hospital that North Hastings needs. The area would be responsible for one third

of the amount."

"We all understand that it will take time to work out the details through the planning process," the MPP said. "The people in North Hastings can breathe a sigh of relief knowing that there will be a hospital in their area."

The good news for North Hastings was part of an announcement in Belleville Friday of up to \$31 million

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Christmas Celebrated at Cardiff Comm. Centre

by Ann W. Smith

Cardiff Community Centre was a-buzz with light-hearted conversation on Monday afternoon December 5 as many community members gathered at noon to share a pot luck Christmas Dinner.

Andrew Pinck helped set a party mood by playing several selections on the keyboard before the meal.

The Rev. Sandra

Beardsall of the Cardiff United Church asked the blessing before the head table guests led the way to the buffet table.

The menu was too varied to list everything but it was all delicious, mostly home made food.

The colourful decorations added to the festive atmosphere. Much of

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Bancroft Santa Claus Parade



The Bancroft Santa Claus Parade, on Saturday, December 3, was full of excitement and colour. Snow White (Sales Representative Georgina Turchet) rides on the Bowes & Cocks float.

Christmas at Cardiff Community Centre

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Mrs. Claus and Santa visited Cardiff Community Centre. Muriel Penton reads letters of requests while musician George Carnegie rests.

them were made of evergreens. The walls had patches of greenery brightened with coloured glass balls and red ribbons. Hanging from a wicker bell in the centre of the ceiling was a huge wreath made bright with candles and red ribbons and tinsel. One corner was filled with a Christmas tree as a backdrop to The Legionnaires who played after the meal for singing and dancing.

These beautiful decorations were courtesy of the Continental Club. They had a dance on the previous Saturday and left the decorations for the Community Club's Dinner on Monday.

Muriel Penton began the afternoon activities by reading a story with the help of everyone else who supplied the sound effects. There were a number of

draws introduced by Jean Carter, Treasurer of the Community Club. The tickets for 2 special donations by the Mary Kay representative were drawn by Hazel Chadwick, Social Convener.

Song books were passed around so that everyone could join in the singing of seasonal songs.

Members of the Community Club who were over 80 years were honoured. The ladies were given corsages and the gentlemen received pins in the shape of a deer. The corsages and deer pins were all made by Dorothy Dubbury.

The recipients of the honours were Edith Laffrenier, Betty Burke "Spruce", Ethel Brown, Art Tompsett, Bruce Fisk, Hilda Chadwick, May and Morgan Blaylock, Muriel Penton and Dorothy Dubbury.

Jim Wilke and Frank Peischl were congratulated for winning the Gold Medal for Carpet Bowling at Actifest 94 in Sudbury.

There was great merriment during a game of musical chairs. At the beginning 20 chairs were set out. To make the game more difficult 2 or 3 chairs were removed at each round.

Mr and Mrs Santa Claus made a visit and asked for requests. There was much amusement when Muriel read letters that members had, supposedly, written to Santa.

The set of clothing that the Community Club had provided for the Adopt-a-Child Program of the Bancroft Detachment of the O.P.P. was on display.

The Legionnaires played for several dances as well as sing-songs. Elke Achenbach President of the Continental Club led in a "Snake Dance" around the room, winding around the tables as well as the dance floor.

Guests included the Rev. David Smith of the Anglican Church, and his wife Margo, Fr. Ron Meyer of the Roman Catholic Church, the United Church Ministers Revs. Bill Richards and Sandra Beardsall, the retiring Reeve of Bicroft Township Hans Stevens and his wife Charlotte and representatives of the Cardiff Legion Marlene and Hugh Smale.

SEA CADETS HOLD CHRISTMAS DINNER

by Ann W. Smith

"Groups like Sea Cadets instill confidence in children and help them make a good start in life."

This was stated by Constable Stan Balemba, guest speaker at the annual Christmas Dinner of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 229 "Viking". Balemba is with the Bancroft detachment of the O.P.P.

The Dinner was on Sunday December 4 at the Bancroft Legion Hall with a good turn out of parents and other family members.

Speaking from his experience in the police force and as an instructor in the V.I.P. (Values, Influences and Peers) program in grade 6 classes in the schools in North Hastings, Balemba noted that crime seems to be on the rise. He attributes much of this to the fact that adults do not pay enough attention to children and their need for positive reinforcement. Adults must support the children in their efforts not to succumb to peer pressure and temptations to get into trouble. Parents should be very proud of the achievements of

their children when they take part in the activities of organizations such as Sea Cadets, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

This theme was reiterated by Navy League Sea Cadet Chairman Charles Mullet and by Phil Waldram, Liaison between the Bancroft Legion Branch 181 and the Sea Cadet Corps "Viking". They both said they would like to see more parents get involved in the Navy League.

Mullet thanked the Legion and its Ladies Auxiliary for having the Cadets at the Legion Hall each year for the Christmas Dinner. He welcomed Commander Ian Davidson as the new Commanding Officer of the Corps.

Mullet talked about the fund raising activities of the local Navy League. They have had a campaign to sell cheese which has gone well. The money raised paid for insurance and for a trip to Ontario Place in October.

President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 181, Bancroft, Loretta Sutherland told the cadets that the Legion is pleased to donate

the Hall for the Cadet Dinner.

The evening began with the Cadets forming up in the 2 divisions, Ojibway and Onondaga, and the Colours were Marched On. Then a ceremony that has become a tradition at the Christmas dinner was performed. The youngest cadet was chosen as Acting Commanding Officer for the evening.

This year the cadet chosen was Jeff White. He was duly invested in the C.O.'s jacket and cap and began giving orders. Officer Cadet Diane Waldram was appointed to be his coach. He led the inspection of the Corps. Some of the others in the inspecting party were PO2 Sarah Vine, Phil Waldram, C. Mullet, Con. Balemba, Lt(N) Age Smies, Past C.O. of the Corps, and James Campbell, a "Founding Father" of the Corps.

During the wait for dinner to be served the senior cadets, under the direction of PO2 Vine gave a Drill Demonstration.

The dinner was served by the officers of the Cadet Corps, another naval tradition, and President of the Navy League Lucia

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In keeping with Navy tradition the youngest Sea Cadet becomes Acting Commanding Officer at the Christmas Dinner. Cadet Jeff White has exchanged caps with C.O. Commander Ian Davidson. PO2 Vine and Officer Cadets Cullerton and Waldram are dressing Jeff in the C.O.'s jacket.

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Highland Grove Store Is Entering Centennial Year



By Stewart Smith

"There's a lot of tradition with the store," marvels Pat Furneaux, co-owner of the Highland Grove General Store.

In 1995 she will help celebrate 100 years of continuous service to the community by the same Highland Grove General Store building.

For the celebration she has commissioned a series of Highland Grove Store mugs: for 1993, 1994, and 1995. The 1993 mug is sold out. The 1994 mug is virtually sold out. Sufficient quantities of the 1995 mug will be ordered to meet demand.

The 1994 mug tells a history of the store building: "Since 1895, Pat & Don Furneaux have been the proud owners of the historic Highland Grove General

Store. Originally built in 1895, an addition was constructed nearby and moved by horse to join the store. Supported by hand hewn wooden beams 14 - 16 inches across, the building sits upon a hand constructed 2 ft. thick stone foundation. The General Store was a bustle of activity on a daily basis. A farmer could pick up his mail, buy food, seed, feed for his animals, boots, clothing, sewing supplies, sundries, and more, all under one roof. Though years have brought some changes, the original oak counters & shelving units remain, and you can still pick up your mail and groceries."

Highland Grove was once noted as a farming community. Nila Reynolds in her book, "Ban-

croft, A Bonanza of Memories" (page 110) tells, "Both Paudash and Highland Grove had a cheese factory but both were closed before World War I. Farmers had a hard time wresting a living from their stubborn acres. After the labour of clearing the land of trees and stumps was done, there was a still never-ending task - stone picking." . . . However, potatoes and other vegetables seemed to grow well in the thin soil. In the spring maple sugar and syrup was made and used as a sweetener for the wild fruit which was abundant."

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VIGIL FOR MURDERED WOMEN

by Ann W. Smith

Maggie's Resource Centre of North Hastings and Tamarack Women's Resource Centre organized a Vigil at the Eastern Star Hall in Bancroft on the evening of December 6 in memory and in honour of victims of violence.

This Vigil has become an annual event in many communities in Canada. It is held on the anniversary of the murder of the 14 women engineering students at l'ecole Polytechnique in Montreal on December 6, 1989.

Betty Miller of Maggie's explained the purpose of the Vigil was to remember and honour not only these specifically named victims, but all victims of violence. She quoted statistics of violence against women and the fact that it is usually by someone they know. Many women are afraid to walk alone.

Seventeen candles were set up on a table in the middle of the room. Fourteen were for the students. The other three were in memory of the 3 women who were murdered in Bird's Creek on December 31, 1993, less than 1 year ago - Deborah Breen, Lori-Anne Kirkham and Tanya Twist.

Miller stated that the gathering

was a testimony that we acknowledge that violence exists and that we want to do something about it. She quoted Margaret Mead as saying that real social change comes from small gatherings. Therefore those who have experienced violence and have the courage to speak out can help stop it.

Betty read the words to a song by Bev Nichol about the 14 murdered students. Part way through she read out the names of the students and of the 3 local women who died last December. As each name was read someone in the gathering came forward and lit a candle.

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in hospital redevelopment projects in the area served by the Hastings - Prince Edward District Health Council.

The Belleville General project could cost up to \$13 million; Trenton Memorial, up to \$12 million and Prince Edward County Memorial, said.

up to \$3 million. The provincial ministry would pay two-thirds of the cost of each project.

"I commend the District Health Council members for their hard work over some two years leading to this announcement," Buchanan said.

Bancroft Santa Claus Parade



Members of the Bancroft Lions Club, sponsors of the Parade, ride in their float, "Christmas in the Park."

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GUEST EDITORIAL

"For a child has been born to us
...and he is named...Prince of
Peace." (Isaiah 9:6 NRSV)

Years ago, when Jesus was born, the angels sang, "Peace on earth, goodwill amongst men."

Even today, in an age when people are not particularly impressed by angels, Christmas conveys an atmosphere of peace and goodwill. People at this time of year seem to sense, if only instinctively, the influence of the sacrificial love of God; and sometimes they do this in the most unlikely circumstances.

In 1914, lines of stinking trenches had been established in the battlefields of France. Anyone who raised his head above the level of the protecting parapet could expect to draw a fusillade of fire.

Yet on Christmas Eve the British soldiers could hear the strains of "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht" drifting over from the German lines, and the British men sang "Silent Night" in return.

And on the following morning, Christmas Day, as described by Captain Sir Edward Hulse, four German private soldiers, unarmed, came strolling across no-man's-land to meet the British officer and to bring good wishes for a "Happy Christmas."

As the day progressed, large groups of German and British troops gathered in the open between the lines to exchange greetings, stories and goodwill. A scarf (only slightly used?) was exchanged for a pair of gloves (not so very dirty?). One group began to kick around a soccer ball.

For a brief moment, there in the midst of war, peace and goodwill reigned. The next day the shelling and killing resumed.

We cannot underestimate the power of God to bring peace to a troubled and violent world.

When even just a few people are willing to open their hearts to Him, the Peace He came to bring reaches in and through to bring about all kinds of good things to this world in which we dwell.

The Reverend D.A.P. Smith,
Priest and Rector
Anglican Parish of
North Hastings

CUT-BACKS IN FREE MAILINGS

With so many cut-backs, here is one more.

Beginning likely with the January 5, 1995 Cardiff Courier, there may be some reductions - cut-backs - in the free mailings. Some Post Offices

- or portions of Post Offices - may not receive some issue of the Cardiff Courier for free distribution. Such a decision will be made at the last minute. Therefore it will

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FLO ELLIOTT WRITES FROM WILBERFORCE**CHRISTMAS PAST**

When we were children, Christmas was very different from what it is today. People seemed to mostly have bigger families and much less money to spend, but what a good time we had anyway.

To go and cut the Christmas tree was a big adventure, and to try to pick out just the right one was an almost impossible task. It would have been much easier for our father to go by himself, but at the mere mention of getting the tree, five kids would grab their outdoor clothing and race outside fast, for fear of being left behind.

Dad would take an axe and the toboggan, and with us either running ahead or trailing behind, we would head for the bush.

By the time we argued over every tree within walking distance, my sister and I would have to ride on the toboggan, because as the youngest we would play out first. By the time everyone was completely exhausted it wasn't nearly so hard to agree on the best looking tree.

So Dad would cut it down and we would head home, hungry as bears and almost as cranky. At that age a hot lunch revived you almost immediately, and then we just had to get that tree up.

How we hated to part with any branches, but the darn thing was always about four feet too high for the room and it stuck out in all directions. Finally it was trimmed and up, and we hung up decorations that were older than we were. I still have a few of these decorations today and they really bring back the memories.

We always put up the tree as early as we were allowed and then

it would seem as if Christmas would never come. I suppose there were things to do in the meantime, I know our parents were busy.

I remember being taken to a concert at the school where my older sisters went and sitting on Santa's knee, and then being pulled home on the toboggan with my sister. I can still remember how cold it was and how bright the stars were.

Finally Christmas arrived. We had a tradition at our house for Christmas eve. We all sat around the box stove and our mother, who had a very good singing voice, led us in carols. This helped to pass the time until we could go to bed.

This was the one night in the year when we were eager to get to bed, but as this was a very special night we all wanted to be together, so the five of us slept crosswise in one bed. We all just snuggled up nice and cozy, just like pigs in a blanket, and talked as one by one we fell asleep.

We weren't allowed to get up until the fire was lit and the house was warm, but this was as early as we could get our father up, because as soon as one of us was awake the rest were soon awake and raring to go. How we enjoyed our one gift and the stocking filled with candy, an orange and an apple and nuts.

In the afternoon, friends would come for a great turkey dinner. And did it ever taste good, we always seem to be able to eat as much as we liked then, without worrying about our weight.

This was the time we were carefree children and Christmas was magic.

Merry Christmas Everyone!!

Letter to the Editor

There's only one word to describe your Dec. 1 lead story on the recently dedicated Unborn Dead memorial: monumental! Nowadays, it takes guts to proclaim one God when the majority seems addicted to two: Mammon and Morgentaler.

What really bugs me is the government's greedy grab of pro-lifers' taxes to finance abortion clinics, and for this poetic injustice I express outrage as follows:

Abortion Extortion

Bid swag of wizened pro-life taxes
equip a juvenile mortuary
So violence hacking kids to death
in Morgentaler abortuary.

Money wasted on abortion, the most expensive birth control method known, might better be spent researching a cure for homosexuality. Another vitriolic verse:

Birth Control After The Fact

A coy ex-mama, we jocks agree,
Defends legalized abortion
As birth with unusual delivery:
Portion after quivering portion.

Titles excepted, these verses I modestly call "sticklands" are made from a Scrabble set's 100 titles with the two blanks serving as any letter desired. It took five years to attain anything approaching lucidity.

One last stickland thanks Charles Hughes and friends for welcoming two strangers to Harcourt Community Chapel for a video show on the life of William Wilberforce:

Wilberforcefulness

Jumbo shrimp Wilberforce was
To extirpate slavery because
He quails not invoking nation:
Defy a eulogized degradation!

This verse is a so-called "perfect" stickland, with 25 letters to each line. There's no particular reason for this, except to make the exercise that much harder; I think they call it masochism!

Pete Stickland,
Wilberforce

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Santa's Workshop Sale in Wilberforce



Mary Barker (Guide Leader) and Jennifer Watson hold samples of magic reindeer food.

By Stewart Smith
The sale was so popular that the organizer, Lynn Huffman, had to surrender her own table at her own show. Sixty-three (63) groups and individuals rented all available tables for the annual Santa's Workshop sale, held in the Lloyd Watson Centre on Saturday, December 10. The sale began at 9 a.m., and continued until 4 p.m. Featured were some hand crafted items, as well as many commercially produced gift ideas for Christmas. Vendors were reasonably pleased with their sales. "Not too bad," was a usual response. "It's a little slow," admitted Lana Nelson, of Bancroft. But, "I'm happy. It's exposure." The hottest selling item was the Reindeer Food offered by the Wilberforce Girl Guides. We will not spoil the surprise. If you have not purchased this magic Reindeer Food, there is still time to contact any Girl Guide, or their

Leader, Mary Barker. Other community organizations at the sale included the Red Cross, the Police Volunteer Association, and the Minor Hockey Association. Author Norma J. Burk was selling copies of her book, "Bluebells and Acorns." With her was her illustrator, Sandra Curry.

HIGHLAND GROVE TURKEY DINNER

Members of the Highland Grove Activity Group were hoping that maybe 45 people would attend the Christmas Luncheon at the Highland Grove Community Centre during the noon hour, Thursday, December 6. They were delighted but almost overwhelmed when close to 60 people attended. "Almost overwhelmed." There was plenty of food for everyone, including the workers, who ate last. Two 17 pound turkeys had been prepared for the Luncheon - really

a full dinner. These were served, cafeteria style, with dressing, mashed potato and gravy, turnip, mixed vegetable, and dessert. All the Cardiff Township Council members and their spouses attended the dinner. Unfortunately they were seated at a special reserved table, where they were able to visit with each other, but did not get to sit and enjoy lunch with the citizens of Highland Grove.

Highland Grove is near the north end of the long and strangely shaped Township of Cardiff, and sometimes feels isolated from the south end. Most of the Council members are from the south. The Door Prize was won by Isabel Ransom, of the Bancroft area. The next Highland Grove Luncheon, featuring home made soup and rolls, will be on Tuesday, January 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WILD GAME SUPPER

By Stewart Smith
Close to 150 people enjoyed the wild game supper at the Wilberforce Legion Hall, Saturday, December 3. This has been an annual celebration in Wilberforce since 1974. Some years the supper has been held in the Lloyd Watson Centre. This year it was moved back to the Legion Hall. A large variety of dishes prepared in many delicious ways awaited the guests. Cook for many of the dishes was Dorothy Coghill, who has been a cook at Pine-stone Inn. Food was served buffet style, with so many different options available that even sampling everything was not possible. Organizer of the event was Ethel Scott, President of the Wilberforce Branch 624 of the Royal Canadian Legion. Many Legion and L.A. members assisted. A Food Hamper had been filled by L.A. members, and was offered for raffle. Winner was Harry Clark, of Wilberforce.

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Superintendent, Myles Sanderson, concluded the evening by noting the Purpose of Christmas. God has given us so great a gift: His Son. We must not ignore His gift, but accept it, and appreciate it.

Sea Cadet Dinner

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Robins. Lucia is looking after the uniforms. The corps is in the process of changing from Hunter Green to Navy Blue and some items are still in short supply. Commander Davidson welcomed Jim Campbell. Jim Campbell and Ian Davidson began the Sea Cadets in Bancroft in 1972.

Davidson talked about the summer training for the cadets. He expects to get the forms in January. Davidson praised the Acting C.O. for doing quite well. Acting C.O. Jeff White thanked everyone but most of his thanks went to those who helped him "through this".

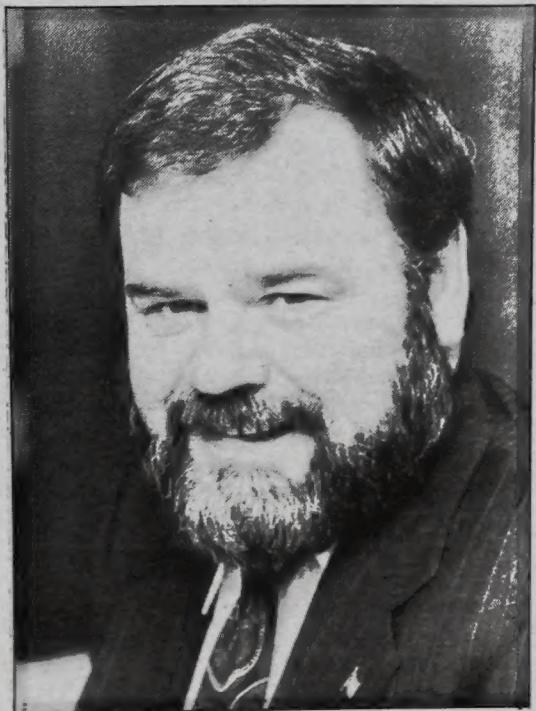


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Santa's Village House Welcomes Visitors



Joyce Potts reads the story of Jesus' birth to children from Cardiff Elementary School. She uses the lighted figures of the Nativity scene to illustrate the story.

by Ann W. Smith like for Christmas. The children usually sing songs, then they are served cookies by volunteers. Joyce Potts then reads the story of the birth of Jesus pointing out the characters in the story on the lighted Nativity scene that is always a central feature in the House.

Each year the schedule begins on the Monday after the Santa Claus Parade. This year 10 groups came on the first week, 15 the second week and at least 12 on the third week. The visits begin with each child having a private talk with Santa Claus telling him December 21, beginning at 7 p.m.

Joyce is really thrilled at the cooperation she gets from the businesses in the community. She finds them very generous in donating toys, hot chocolate and other kinds of help. Other helpers provide cookies, often home made. She also encourages teenagers to help.

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St. Mark's Paudash Holds Christmas Sale

By Stewart Smith

St. Mark's U.C.W. held a sale in the church, in Paudash, on Saturday, December 10.

All members of the U.C.W. helped with the sale, which was held in the hall at the back of the church.

A long table held many gift items.

Beside it was a table of baked goods, which sold quickly during the afternoon sale.

A special feature of the day was a large number of delicious - we know - meat pies. We will look forward to these at future sales at St. Mark's in Paudash, and be sure to purchase

more than one. Dessert and coffee or tea was offered at a series of tables along one side of the hall.

St. Mark's U.C.W. meets on the second Monday of each month, at members' homes. More members would be welcomed. President is Lin MacKenzie.

Highland Grove Store

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The 1995 Highland Grove Store mug lists all the owners of the store in its 100 year history. The information is from County records. "It has to be by County records," Pat Furneaux adds, while agreeing that they may record ownership when payment was completed - not when occupancy changed.

The list shows Mr. Brown as founder and first owner of the store. He was owner from 1895 to 1898. The original building includes the present Post Office. The main part of the present General Store was built nearby, and moved to join the original building. A. Atchison is remembered as an early proprietor.

He owned the store from 1898 to 1914, and called it A. Atcheson's General Store.

Next owner was S. W. Reynolds, proprietor from 1914 to 1925.

The store was then sold to Edward Franklin Landry (part of the family spells it 'Laundry') who is described extensively on page 209 of "Bancroft, A Bonanza of Memories." The Landrys owned the store from 1925 to 1950.

Next owner was Elmer Hughey, from 1950 to 1978 - the longest proprietorship so far. He saw Hydro come to the community, in 1957.

A series of short term owners are listed from 1978 to 1985: Saunders; Winger; Thompson; Bowers; and Walsh.

Don and Pat Furneaux bought the store in 1985. "We gambled everything we had," Pat recalls, adding, "I don't regret it."

She is hoping that many people will bring her stories of the Highland Grove General Store, and of the community it serves.

Santa Comes to Wilberforce

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Marilyn Donaldson, of Ridgeview Restaurant, relaxes on Santa's knee for a moment at the Wilberforce party.

Restaurant has given out presents. Last year the party was larger than the restaurant could accommodate. Thus it was moved to the Lloyd Watson Centre this year.

The child, holding the gift from Ridgeview, went to another table for gifts from the Monmouth Fire Department and many Wilberforce businesses. These included a bag of candy and goodies, pop, and a coupon for French Fries at the Arena. The party concluded with free skating at the Arena from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

By 11:40 a.m., 107 children had registered.

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Wilberforce Minor Hockey Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 17
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2:45 - Atoms meet Fenelon Falls
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Sunday, Dec. 18
2:30 - Novice meet Sutherland
5:30 - Tykes at Woodville
Monday, Dec. 19
7 p.m. - Atoms at Bobcaygeon
Tuesday, Dec. 20
7 p.m. - Peewees meet Minden
Tuesday, Dec. 27
12 noon - Atoms at Haliburton
Thursday, Dec. 29
6 p.m. - Peewees at Minden
Monday, Jan. 2
8 p.m. - Peewees at Manvers

The Switch Yard Is Officially Opened



By Stewart Smith

"This is one of the best things that has happened in Bancroft for some time," declared Reeve Lloyd Churchill, at the official opening of the Switch Yard, on Saturday, December 3.

The Switch Yard is located in the old Bancroft Theatre Guild building, north along the old railway line and past the old Bancroft Railway Station.

Their literature tells of "Concerns for the youth in Bancroft and surrounding area." Organizers noted, "At that time, Bancroft had no place for kids just to 'hang out'. So seeing the need for a place to constructively bring the youth to-

gether, the council decided to provide a meeting place where non-competitive activities and friendship is available."

"It's your place. The place is for the youth," insists Supervisor, Joe Tenthorey. The centre has been organized for young people attending High School or of High School age.

The Switch Yard first opened on Friday, October 21. A total of 110 different people have enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of this centre since then.

On the three days of the week the Switch Yard has been open, it has averaged some 25 young people per day.

Now the Switch Yard will be open four afternoons and nights per week. Open hours are:

Tuesday - 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday - 3 to 1 am

Saturday - 3 to 1 and add Sunday - 3 to 10.

The building has been re-decorated. Painting has been done by volunteers led by Jon Tenthorey, and includes a realistic rail locomotive on one upstairs wall.

Furniture has been donated, and part of the upstairs is a circle of comfortable, upholstered sofas and chairs where some 20 people can relax and visit in a living-room atmosphere.

Nearby is an area where snack food can be bought.

Downstairs are pool tables and a ping pong table.

There is not a structured program. Young people, especially (others too would be made welcome) come and relax. It they

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"MARK YOUR CALENDAR"

Friday, December 16 - The Monmouth Seniors Club are holding a special Christmas Euchre on December 16 at the Lloyd Watson Centre, beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be the regular prizes as well as extra prizes.

Saturday, December 17 - The Christmas Party for St. John Vianney Church at Highland Grove will be after Mass on Saturday, December 17 at the Recreation Centre. Come out and enjoy Carols and Good Food.

Monday, December 19 - Wilberforce Heritage Guild's Christmas Open House at the Outpost Museum, Wilberforce. 1:30 to 3:30, and 7:00 to 9:00. Features Carols, Christmas Readings, and Refreshments.

Thursday, December 22 - Christmas Open House at Tamarack Women's Centre. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Celebrations, carols, videos, Xmas goodies, refreshments, and more!

Thursday, December 22. Ecumenical Community Carol Service. Wilberforce United Church. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 29 - The December 29 Cardiff Courier has been put off to January 5

Saturday, December 31 Deadline for Advertisements for January 5 Cardiff Courier.

Saturday, December 31 - New Year's Eve Dance - Harcourt Community Centre. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music by "Clover." \$25 per couple; \$13 single. Buffet. Special Permit - Restricted. Advanced tickets at 448-2507 or 448-2798

Thursday, January 5 - Distribution Day for the next Cardiff Courier.

Tuesday, January 10. - Highland Grove Luncheon, featuring Home Made Soup, and Rolls. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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The sign represents \$82,600, which Elmer Buchanan MPP is presenting to Jocelyn Downing of the A.A.C.

By Stewart Smith in the 1920's, the Bancroft Community Centre).

The announcement was made so quietly and modestly that it could even have been missed. Elmer Buchanan, MPP for Hastings - Peterborough was a guest at a Sunday afternoon (December 11) party at the home of Jocelyn Downing, near Bird's Creek.

Most of those at the party had connections with the Bancroft Theatre Guild or the Theatrics Company. Jocelyn Downing is the President of the Algonquin Arts Council.

The announcement, then, could be the new and official name of the performing arts facility (formerly the Christian Education Building of St. Paul's United Church - and before that,

tion, \$82,600 of support is being given to The Village Playhouse project.

The total estimated cost will be \$165,000.

So far, \$40,000 has been raised through the "sale" of seats.

In addition, the Theatre Guild has realized more than \$30,000 from the sale of the old Theatre Guild building.

The Bancroft Theatre Guild is preparing the play, "Relatively Speaking," with Hans Meyn as Director, and hoping that this might be the maiden performance in The new Village Playhouse, in March or April, 1995.

Most casting has been done for this play. But there are a myriad of positions available in backstage, front of house, lighting, props, sets. Contact Wayne Lord, at 613-332-1155 for additional information, or to volunteer.

Theatrics is preparing a Musical, "Little Shop of Horrors" for presentation in The Village Playhouse, in July, 1995. "Little Shop" is a major production - a real community event," promises Betty Lambeck.

Contact any of the Theatrics partners: Barry Lambeck, Betty Lambeck, Jennifer Warr, Donna Forth for additional information, or to volunteer.

The Switch Yard for Young People

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wish to talk with Joe Tentorey or any other of the 20 staff (12 of them volunteers), these are available:

The official opening, then, was on Saturday, December 6. More than 100 people attended, filling the upstairs space.

A large amount of food was brought, including several trays labelled, "Compliments of Troy Hisko - Subway."

John Coles, President of the Switch Yard project, gave historical background. He went back to February 21, 1994, when 12 people met

at Tex's Road House (Bird's Creek) and discussed the need for a youth drop-in centre.

He told of the unexpected mention on March 12, by Lloyd Churchill of the coming availability of the old Theatre Guild Building, and the wish that it might become a community facility such as a youth drop-in centre.

He told of the kindness of the Theatre Guild, who accepted the offer proposed by the (now named) Switch Yard committee. He thanked committee members, including Steve Campbell, Arno Dyck, Joe Tentorey, Jon

Tenthorey, Kevin Martin, and Jennifer Martin. He also praised pioneers in the project - Doug Anderson, Randy Raycroft, Calvin Davis, Juanita Davis, and Lee Chatten.

He called attention to the fundraising thermometer. A total of \$35,000 has been raised so far. The necessary objective is \$50,000.

Lloyd Churchill made reference to the finding that it is already "Too small a building." John Coles later agreed, but added that there can be no building extension until more funds come in.

Bancroft Santa Claus Parade



Bancroft Christian Academy's float.

VIGIL FOR MURDERED WOMEN

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A tape of a song by the Wyrd Sisters on the same theme was played. This ended with the words "Don't let us lose this memory." This was in reference to the thought that the dead women could have been anyone that was close to us.

Betty commented that fine people are lost and fine people are left behind. The workers at Maggie's know of the strengths and joys and the deep commitment women have when they struggle to survive.

Some people responded with inci-

dents of which they had personal knowledge when Betty invited anyone to share their thoughts.

One account was about the fate of a Cardiff woman who went to a shelter in 1987. When she returned to her home to get furniture she was shot and killed. An account of a woman in Keswick had a positive result. After she was killed by her separated husband when she returned home, a group of women opened a shelter in Georgina so that other women would have a safe place to go.

John Breen Sr. (Jay), who was husband, uncle and father-in-law to the 3 women murdered in Bird's Creek, was at the Vigil with his daughter and a friend. Jay said he would like to

see more men take part in any event which supports women. He strongly believes in the equality of women and men. He was proud of his wife's efforts to get an education and excel. Jay knows that there are other men who also care about women's welfare. Jay is against abuse of any sort. He believes that nothing is solved by violence.

Rosemary is still suffering from the effects, both physical and emotional, of violence she experienced this past September. Her right arm is still in a cast and will need more treatment. She is strong in her praise of the support given by Maggie's who are right there when she needs practical help or emotional support.



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